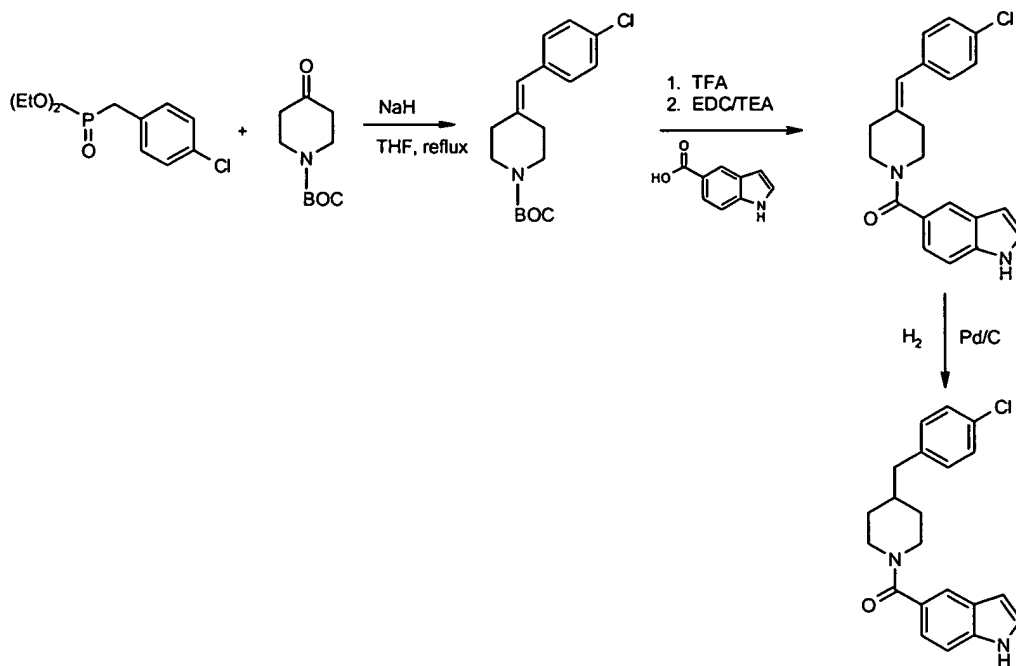


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Scheme 5



Reaction Scheme 6 illustrates a method for preparing compounds of the invention in which the indole is substituted in the 6-membered ring thereof. In Reaction Scheme 6, the appropriately substituted aniline is reacted with 1-methylmercaptyl-2,2-dialkoxyethane in the presence of tertiary butyryl chloride and base to provide the desired indole. Depending on the nature of the substitution of the aniline starting material, more than one isomer may result as shown. The methylmercaptyl group remaining on the 5-membered ring is reduced with Raney nickel and a mandatory methyl group included on the original aniline moiety is hydrolyzed to the corresponding carboxylic acid. The resulting acid is then reacted with the desired piperidine or piperazine derivative in the presence of a coupling agent such as EDC.